

**TEXT:** Established in 2006, the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) promotes the study of critically needed languages by sending American high school students overseas for:

**TEXT:** To study the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, Hindi, Korean, Russian, Turkish

**TEXT:** Each summer, NSLI-Y sends young adults to travel abroad for an immersive language experience. Let's meet this summer's students...

**TEXT:** Where are you going?

**STUDENT1:** I'm going to Ankara, Turkey with the NSLI for Youth program.

**STUDENT2:** And I'm going to Cairo, Egypt.

**STUDENT3:** And, I'm going to India.

**STUDENT4:** I'm going to Egypt this summer.

**STUDENT5:** And I'm going to India.

**STUDENT6:** I'm going to Egypt through NSLI.

**STUDENT7:** And I'll be going to Egypt on the NSLI program.

**STUDENT8:** And I'm going with NSLI to Egypt.

**TEXT:** How did you find out about the program?

**STUDENT1:** My mom found this program on the State Department website when we were looking just for stuff to do over the summer.

**STUDENT2:** I heard about NSLI and I was really interested in it because I like to learn languages.

**STUDENT8:** I've always been interested in studying abroad so I actually just found it online at the website and I immediately applied and got all my paperwork ready.

**TEXT:** Expectations

**STUDENT1:** This is probably going to be one of the best experiences of my life.

**STUDENT2:** You're going for a summer but it's going to change your entire life and you're going to make new friends. You're going to have so many contacts in your host country.

**STUDENT3:** I think it will open up a lot of opportunities to meet new people and to make relationships and to build for our future.

**STUDENT6:** The joy of learning a new language. A lot of good friendships to last a long time. And definitely, just a great summer.

**STUDENT8:** I'm really interested in learning about the world. I feel like knowing a language is a really great way to connect with people and that human connection just makes it so special.

**TEXT:** What advice do you have to those that want to apply?

**STUDENT6:** It's worth winning a scholarship. I mean, I didn't think that I could go to Egypt on a fully-funded scholarship.

**STUDENT5:** It's going to require a lot of discipline, a lot of tolerance on your part, but it's something you should look for. It's definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

**STUDENT8:** I would say start the application early. Make sure you know all the deadlines. Work on your essays. Make sure you proofread. Make sure you're confident and you show...Be yourself during the interview. Really show who you are and show how much you love going abroad and traveling and show your passion!

**STUDENT3:** You can't get any of this from a textbook. You can't really understand anything until you've been immersed in something.

**STUDENT1:** You get a chance to learn something that most people will never learn in their lives. That opportunity is so wonderful and so rare that it's just worth it and I can't see why anyone wouldn't want to apply.

**TEXT:** [exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nsli](http://exchanges.state.gov/youth/programs/nsli)

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